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5 November 1956

Mr. R. W. Cook  
Acting General Manager  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cook:

Reference is made to your letter of 23 October 1956 concerning a revision of a previously approved public announcement of the Navy's atomic depth charge capability.

This Agency has no objection to the release of the revised statement as there appears to be no information therein which would be of value to foreign intelligence.

Sincerely,

Robert Amory, Jr.

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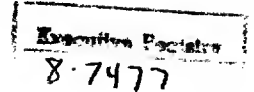
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OCT 23 1956

Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.  
Deputy Director of Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Amory:

On Monday, October 15, 1956, the Atomic Energy Commission sought, and obtained, a statement from the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, that there was "no objection from an Intelligence point of view" to the public announcement of the Navy's atomic depth charge capability.

This co-ordination resulted from a request, under the terms of NSC Action 1360, by General Herbert B. Loper, Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee, contained in his letter on the subject to Mr. Strauss, dated October 10, 1956. Copies of the October 10 letter and the proposed announcement were retained by your office.

Subsequent to this co-ordination action, a requirement has developed for the addition of two phrases which are considered to be necessary as reassurance to the general public that no fish foods were contaminated. A copy of the revised proposed announcement is attached.

Will you please advise me whether or not the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, has objection from the Intelligence point of view to the revised proposed announcement.

Sincerely yours,

  
Acting General Manager

Attachment:  
Draft of Proposed Announcement

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DRAFT OF PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT

The Navy Department announced today that the anti-submarine weapon "which will revolutionize anti-submarine warfare," as referred to in the published testimony of Secretary of the Navy Thomas before the Symington Subcommittee hearings last June, and mentioned by Secretary Thomas while on the West Coast last week, is a weapons system which includes an atomic depth charge. A device was exploded last year off the coast of California to test the principles of such a weapon. The test was conducted in May 1955 and had been announced in advance by the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission. The test involved no health hazard to mainland or island inhabitants or consumers of fish.

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REMARKS: <p><i>Mr. Amory had me call Mr. Monk to say "no CIA objection." They want written reply. Will you please have prepared?</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Monk indicated that DCI had signed a letter asking the <del>release</del> original release. do you have it?</i></p>		
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